



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Blood and Tissue Safety and Availability (ACBTSA) will hold a virtual meeting. The meeting will be open to the public via webcast. The committee will discuss and vote on a recommendation related to the implementation of the HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act of 2013, pertaining to HIV-positive to HIV-positive organ transplantation.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place virtually on Thursday, November 17, 2022 from approximately 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. eastern time (ET). Meeting times are tentative and subject to change. The confirmed times and agenda items for the meeting will be posted on the ACBTSA webpage at <https://www.hhs.gov/oidp/advisory-committee/blood-tissue-safety-availability/meetings/2022-11-17/index.html> when this information becomes available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Berger, Designated Federal Officer for the ACBTSA; Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Rockville, MD, 20852. Email: [ACBTSA@hhs.gov](mailto:ACBTSA@hhs.gov). Phone: 202-795-7608.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the day of the meeting, please go to <https://www.hhs.gov/live/index.html> to view the meeting. The public will have an opportunity to present their views to the ACBTSA by submitting a written public comment. Comments should be pertinent to the meeting discussion. Persons who wish to provide written public comment should review instructions at <https://www.hhs.gov/oidp/advisory-committee/blood-tissue-safety-availability/meetings/2022-11-17/index.html> and respond by midnight November 9, 2022, ET.

Written public comments will be accessible to the public on the ACBTSA webpage prior to the meeting.

***Background and Authority:*** The ACBTSA is a discretionary Federal advisory committee and is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. app), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The ACBTSA functions to provide advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health on a range of policy issues to include: (1) Identification of public health issues through surveillance of blood and tissue safety issues with national survey and data tools; (2) identification of public health issues that affect availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (3) broad public health, ethical, and legal issues related to the safety of blood, blood products, and tissues; (4) the impact of various economic factors (e.g., product cost and supply) on safety and availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (5) risk communications related to blood transfusion and tissue transplantation; and (6) identification of infectious disease transmission issues for blood, organs, blood stem cells and tissues. The Committee has met regularly since its establishment in 1997.

**Dated:** September 23, 2022.

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